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# Players, Ransdell react to UK gear on campus

BY KYLE WILLIAMS  
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You see it every day — the select WKU students walking through campus cloaked in Kentucky blue.

It may not be painful for some to endure UK gear on WKU's campus, but for others, it's a stab in the back.

"I wouldn't call them out — but I wouldn't go out of my way to talk to them," WKU senior center Sean Conway said about students wearing Wildcat gear on WKU's campus during game week. The Topper football team will kick off the season against the Wildcats in Nashville on Saturday.

Former football coach Wil-

lie Taggart described his distaste for UK gear on campus as bothersome before the third game of the season last year against the Wildcats, a game WKU won in overtime, 32-31.

Taggart also said WKU students wearing UK gear is likely because they weren't accepted to the university, and that it makes no sense to support a

school that declined your admittance.

Taggart, who is now the coach at South Florida, quickly apologized for his remarks. His quote drew attention to the topic, though — how much sense does it make for WKU students to support in-state competition?

This year, Topper fans may

have more reason than ever before to wear red with pride.

New coach Bobby Petrino, hired last December, is 8-0 all time in season openers, which includes a 4-0 mark against a certain team from Lexington.

Nothing can stop an individual from wearing what he or she pleases, especially a

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# Welcome to GREEK ROW



Fall formal rush fraternity recruits mingle outside the new Sigma Phi Epsilon house. KATIE MCLEAN/HERALD/HERALD

## Fraternities adjust to new houses

BY MICHAEL MCKAY  
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Just in time for formal fraternity recruitment, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternities have settled into their new homes.

The new Pike house is located on Center Street, next to the Sigma Chi fraternity house on "Greek Row."

Greek Row is home to other fraternities such as Sigma Nu fraternity and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Pikes have had difficulties during the construction of their house. Windows were broken in two separate incidents at the Pike house over the summer.

A construction worker told the Herald in August that 22 windows

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## Fraternity recruitment grows from last year

BY CAMERON KOCH  
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Sorority recruitment is hard to miss, with large groups of girls dressed to impress cheering and chanting as they march across campus.

Taylor Ruby, Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity recruitment chair, said their recruitment is a vastly different experience.

"Fraternity recruitment is much more laid back than sorority recruitment," Ruby said.

Recruitment for WKU's fraternities began Monday night, the first of two nights where men interested in joining a fraternity go from party to party at each of the fraternity houses led by a Rho Alpha, a member of a fraternity that for two nights is unaffiliated with his fraternity.

Last night was "Open House" night, where potential new members visited any number of fraternity houses of their choosing, without the guidance of a Rho Alpha.

Tonight is when recruitment finally gets formal, as potential new members get invited back to specific houses.

"They hang out, things are a lot more formal; that's when you wear your suit, tie, slacks — the whole nine yards," Ruby said.

Inside Downing Student Union Auditorium tomorrow at 5 p.m. the week will end for potential new members. Bid Day, as it's called, is where the men receive their formal invitations from any number of interested fraternities.

Ruby said in the past few years there has been a big rise in the number of incoming

freshman interested in joining a fraternity.

"As WKU is growing and with the number of students coming in, I think Greek life is growing in general," he said.

Destiny Savage, graduate intern for Greek Affairs, said

the numbers have gone up steadily for the past several years.

Last year, 229 men went through fraternity recruitment. This year, that number is up to 253.

Harlan freshman Jared Sizemore is one of the 253 going through recruitment.

"We really all want that brotherly connection here at WKU, and with that comes connections outside of school," Sizemore said as he

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Fall formal fraternity recruits mingle with members of Phi Gamma Delta while visiting their house during fall formal fraternity recruitment. IAN MAULE/HERALD





Freshmen recruits follow their assigned Rho Alpha to the Kappa Alpha house during formal fraternity recruitment. IAN MAULE/HERALD

## RECRUITMENT

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made his way to a fraternity party on Tuesday with a group.

The growth in Greek interest is a challenge for Fiji, Ruby said.

He said his fraternity looks to have a smaller group of guys than some other fraternities.

“For the past couple years, the level of interest guys have shown us has grown, just skyrocketed,” he said. “It’s been tough, because we like to stay around 80 to 85 guys.”

Colin Perschbacher, president of Kappa Sigma fraternity, said he’s seen a big

change in those participating in Greek life this year from last.

“A lot of these kids are coming over for more than just the party side of everything,” Perschbacher said. “I talked to 20 kids, who you know, are more into the philanthropy side of things and the community service side of things. Last year when I was rushing people, hardly anybody asked me what our philanthropy is for Kappa Sigma.”

Perschbacher said during rush, he tries to clear up some misconceptions about Greek life with the potential recruits, such as that there is much more to fraternities than partying and that just

because a person may be in another fraternity doesn’t make them an enemy.

Ultimately, Perschbacher said rush is all about helping people find a place to call home.

“The biggest thing I look forward to is getting to know these kids and finding them a place they can feel at home,” he said. “A place where they are accepted and have a place they can come and meet a good group of guys...give them a place they come, meet some brothers and have a hamburger, have a hotdog, play some cornhole and possibly make a big decision about joining one of these organizations.”

## HOUSES

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were replaced in the first incident and two were replaced two weeks later.

Adam Rider, assistant director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, told the Herald earlier in the month that private security patrolled the site on the weekends.

“The first time it happened the job site was less secure,” Rider said. “Somebody had come into the house and kicked windows out. There were liquor bottles everywhere.”

Clay senior Eric Jones, the Vice President of Pike, said his organization has been working with local police but there are still no leads on either incident.

Jones said his chapter loves the house and the opportunities it affords them and their alumni.

He said the transition to being on Greek row hasn’t been a difficult one.

“It’s not bad,” Jones said. “You can tell it’s a little tense, but we’re doing everything we can to get along and be civil and hopefully it will be a good safe year.”

The Sig Eps have had construction projects of their own. They recently relocated to the Cherry Hill Place apartment building located on College Street.

Sig Ep President David Miller said the fraternity has been extensively renovating Cherry Hill Place.

“We’ve fully given the house a facelift,” he said.

Miller said the fraternity has

worked to bring the house to code. They have put in new floors, updated appliances, taken out some walls and repainted the entire building.

“The new location has been much better for us,” Miller said.

He said the fraternity is planning on tearing down Cherry Hill Place and constructing a new house in the future. A blueprint of the building is in the process of being drafted.

He believes that the house marks a new chapter for Sig Ep.

“Our future is very bright,” he said.

The former Sig Ep house was demolished on July 24 to make way for the new Honors College and International Center, which is estimated to cost \$22 million.

Mike Russell, a 2005 WKU graduate and vice president of the Sigma Phi Epsilon association, was on site at the demolition of the old Sig Ep house on July 24. Russell told the Herald in July he had a lot of memories about the house.

“We still have a long road ahead of us,” Russell said. “We’re excited about our future, but it’s tough to see our past go.”

In the meantime, the former Sig Ep house on Normal Drive is being used as a temporary parking lot open for those with housing parking permits, according to Charley Pride, director of Student Activities.

Pride said WKU bought and demolished the original Pike house on Chestnut Street to expand the Chestnut parking lot. The expanded parking will be made available to both students and faculty.

## UK

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sports fan. However, a person’s clothing can stand out and stand for more than one might expect.

President Gary Ransdell said students wearing red means more than just supporting an athletic team and that students wearing blue is accepted because it’s the be-

ginning of the semester.

“When we see our students wear WKU stuff it’s not just about athletics,” Ransdell said. “It’s about institutional pride and it’s about what we’re doing academically.”

“I usually ask them what bet they lost to have to wear that shirt...I’ve got a little more tolerance for it as we open the semester. I don’t have much tolerance for it if we’re a month or two into the semester.”

Sophomore quarterback Nelson Fishback, a junior college transfer from California, said via Twitter on Tuesday that the blue on campus annoys him, and this is his first year around the in-state rivalry.

“It bothers me how many people walk around this campus with UK stuff on,” Fishback said. “I’m not even from here. Come on people, it’s game week.”

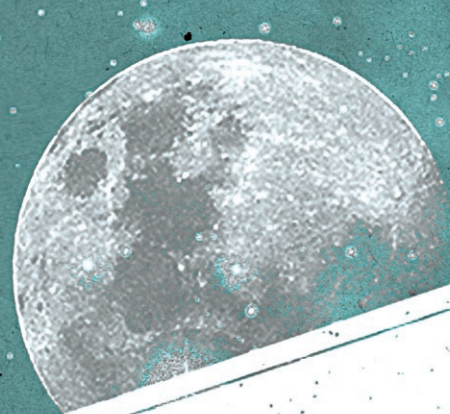

Senior running back Antonio Andrews said he’s used to students sporting blue on campus because WKU attracts students from all area codes.

“You’re going to see UK blue around campus,” Andrews said. “Because you get a lot of students from everywhere around the world. I feel if you’re going to rock with the Tops, you’re going to rock with the Tops...it is what it is.”

Despite that, he said he

likes making those UK fans think twice next time their going through their closets.

“I know a lot of people get mad seeing all the UK stuff on campus,” Andrews said. “It’s always good to go up there and win — even though we’re going to Nashville — to come back with a win and come back on campus and see how much less blue you see walking around campus. It’s a good feeling.”



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# Public information officer quits over shift change

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After seven and a half years, Mandi Johnson has resigned as public information officer for the WKU Police Department.

Due to a change in shifts within the department, Johnson was unable to find care for her children during the time she needed, resulting in her resignation.

"My shift changed to second from days, and my husband works nights," she said. "We couldn't find anyone [to take care of our kids] from 11 p.m. to 12:30 a.m."

In February, after having worked in the crime prevention department, Johnson moved to pa-

trol. Being aware that shift changes were coming up in August and that her hours could potentially change, Johnson and her husband began attempting to find child care in February.

"I anticipated it coming," she said. "In case my hours changed, we wanted to go ahead and make sure the kids were okay."

Even with the months spent searching, Johnson wasn't able to find care for her children during the allotted time.

"No one wants to get up in the middle of the night," she said. "We had people offer to let the kids sleep at their house, but we didn't want to have to make the kids get up in the middle of the night."

Because of the shifts being assigned this year,

Johnson didn't have negotiations to alter her schedule to better fit her needs. Although she had discussed the situation with her captain previously, Johnson was still assigned second shift.

After learning of the shift assignment, Johnson let her captain know that she was unable to continue her employment effective the same day new shifts were implemented.

"He said he hated to hear that, but that I would always have a position if I was able to figure the scheduling out," she said.

Now, Johnson plans to spend time coaching her son's soccer team and attending music classes with her daughter.

"I'm going to take some time, try to find something I can do for



In this 2012 photo, Mandi Johnson is holding onto her two children. Until recently, Johnson worked as a public information officer at WKU. "It's more of a calling than a regular job," Johnson said. Her husband Kemble Johnson works as a police officer for the city of Bowling Green sheriff's department. **MICHAEL RIVERA/HERALD**

the rest of my career," she said.

Sergeant Dominic Os-sello said that as of right

now, it has not been decided who will fill Johnson's position.

"It'll be someone

within the agency," he said. "It won't be a new face, just a new title."

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Arrest

- Police arrested Louisville freshman Samuel Humston on an outstanding bench warrant for failure to appear in court on Aug. 26 in Grise Hall.

- Police arrested sophomore Matthew Floyd, Northeast Hall, for reckless driving and DUI on Aug. 25 on Kentucky Street.

- Police arrested Scott freshman Zachary Batus for alcohol intoxication in a public place on Aug. 23 in the Barnes-Campbell Hall lobby.

- Police arrested Bowling Green freshman Angel Ramos for alcohol intoxication in a public place outside room 221 in Keen Hall on Aug. 23.

- Police arrested Cameron Brown for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and trafficking of a controlled substance on Aug. 22 in the Pearce-Ford Tower courtyard.

Reports

- Brittany Cox reported observing three males break out the window of a parked vehicle in Adams Street lot on Aug. 28. The estimated value of the damage done to the

vehicle was \$200.

- Freshman Logan Hamblin, Barnes, reported that someone stole his iPhone from his room while he was in the shower on Aug. 27. The estimated value of the item stolen was \$500.

- Justin Gillian reported someone stole his camera and camera lens while in Fresh Foods Company in Downing Student Union on Aug. 27. The estimated value of the items stolen in \$4,800.

- Louisville freshman Hunter Geis was served a criminal summons for third degree criminal mischief on Aug. 26 on

South Campus.

- Crestwood sophomore David Nolan was noticed operating his bicycle in a reckless manner on Aug. 24 while riding near the intersection of Chestnut Street and 14th Avenue. Upon con-

tact with police, Nolan was determined to be under the influence of alcohol.

- Sophomore Madison Irwin, a student worker at the Preston Center, reported Zachary Van Zant and Taylor

Bowling had items stolen from their lockers in the men's locker room on Aug. 23. The total estimated value of the items stolen is \$880.

## New IT system 'more interactive'

BY QUICHE MATCHEN  
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After 15 years of using a management system, the IT Division is finally getting an upgrade.

The new system, called Team Dynamics, is a service package that allows the IT division to do service management through one central location. The new system is a complete service and project management system that went live Aug. 1.

The new system allows clients to enter requests at either the IT front desk located on the third floor of Mass Media and Technology Hall, by phone, through chat or the service catalog.

Lori Douglas, IT division director, said they outgrew the old system.

"We utilized the homegrown system until it didn't meet our needs anymore, that's when we said we needed something that could handle our capabilities," she said. "Now IT is not only on the service desk side; utilizing it for tickets and just everyday request problems from users, but it is also tracking major projects on campus."

Douglas said projects

being tracked by the new system include construction projects and particular rooms in need of service.

Users of the new system can go in and request help and troubleshoot problems. A ticket is generated for the appropriate group to resolve the problem.

"When they login they can see the ticket that is associated with them and anything they entered in the past and entered now," Douglas said.

Douglas said IT loves the new system and this program is more interactive.

"The client and the division can interact with this person's case," she said. "They enter it, we might send them an email with information and they can reply with the email and it will go into the tracking system."

Helpdesk Coordinator Charles Plemons also said he likes the new system.

"It gives us one place where we can store information about clients," he said. "And about what they need and be able to send it out to anywhere within the IT Division that needs to be able to service that request."

Plemons said the new

system integrates with more systems that are already in use on campus and gives IT a lot more flexibility.

"Some of the services we added that weren't on there before have been the ones people have used the most," he said. "People have really responded well to the new system."

Plemons said students can register their game consoles now by filling out the online registration on IT's website, rather than calling.

He also encouraged students to give feedback on the IT website about what they would like to see in the new system.

"There's nothing that's better than getting feedback from the actual people that use the system," he said.

Nick Schoenbaechler, desktop support consultant, said he also thinks the system works well and gives clients transparency.

"When they call and have an issue they can more easily see their status or request for service," he said. "We have seen more people excited about the way it works, and it's a lot more straightforward and intuitive."



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## THE REMOTE

# Quirky — the new normal and the new nothing

BY RYAN PAIT  
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September is coming, and with it comes TV pilot season.

And with pilot season comes a whole slew of “quirky” new shows.

It's not just comedies, either. Even dramas are getting the “quirky” label now.

New drama series like Fox's “Almost Human” and “Brooklyn Nine-Nine” are already being described as quirky.

ABC's “Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.,” a branch-off series that takes place in the same universe as “The Avengers,” is also pre-approved for quirkiness thanks to the creative seal of Joss Whedon. Whedon is famously known for creating one of the forerunners of modern TV quirkiness, “Buffy the Vampire Slayer.”

There's not even enough room in this column for me to list the litany of new comedy series that are being touted as quirky.

But this excess of quirkiness is starting to rob the word of some of its meaning.

Quirky may be the new normal when it comes to TV, but it's also on its way to becoming the new nothing.

Think of it in terms of another buzzword that's recently lost its oomph: “awkward.”

“Awkward” has become so over-used that it can be used as a descriptor for almost anything, and it seems like “quirky” is heading the same direction. It can already be applied to nearly

anything in the first place, especially when it comes to people.

Because we're not all the same combination of genetic material, we're all inherently quirky.

To quote “The Incredibles,” when everyone's super, no one is.

The same goes for “quirky.”

It's not a bad trend, but it's becoming an annoying word.

Anytime a show is described as “quirky,” I find myself automatically rolling my eyes.

So why is it used so much?

The true answer is this “genre” actually found success a long time ago — remember “The Odd Couple” and “I Love Lucy”? TV has featured unusual characters and situations for decades now, but they weren't always advertised as quirky.

The idea of making shows based around more obviously weird characters and premises has seen a huge resurgence and dominance in recent years, however.

It remains to be seen if any of fall's new series will connect with viewers, but it seems the ubiquitous idea of quirkiness is a trend that's here to stay.

It's already working for some of TV's most successful series.

Consider “The Big Bang Theory” and “Modern Family.” These two shows were the highest-rated comedies for the 2011-2012 TV season, according to deadline.com.

Think about their main elements. “The Big Bang Theory” features a cast of geeky friends, and “Modern Family”

features a wacky extended family and its misadventures.

But at their respective cores, these two shows aren't really that quirky in their actual plots. “The Big Bang Theory” is your standard buddy comedy, and “Modern Family” is a fairly standard family sitcom.

Even more modest ratings successes, like “New Girl” and “The Mindy Project,” feature leading characters that are overtly odd. Zooey Deschanel, the queen of quirkiness, stars on “New Girl” in a role she seems born to play.

Underneath the surface of quirkiness, however, both “New Girl” and “The Mindy Project” are standard “girl looking for love and fulfillment” sitcoms.

I understand why these shows have become successful and the new “it” thing in the industry.

These strange leading characters make us feel better about our own personality tics, and it's why they've become popular and why they're connecting.

If characters like Jess Day of “New Girl” and Sheldon Cooper of “The Big Bang Theory” can be weird, successful and proud, why can't we?

But we have to find a better way to describe these shows. Maybe we should just call them what they are.

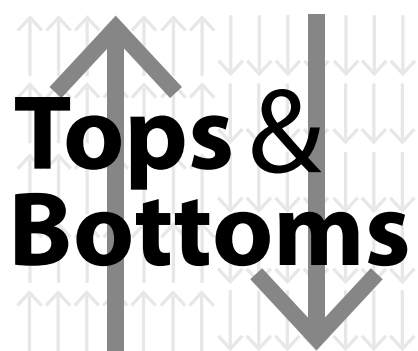
Buddy comedies. Family sitcoms. Rom-com style sitcoms.

Quirky characters are fine, and they obviously make for great television.

But “quirky” is not a genre, and slapping a generic quirky sticker on everything means nothing.



Pait  
TV Columnist



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# Live the Dream

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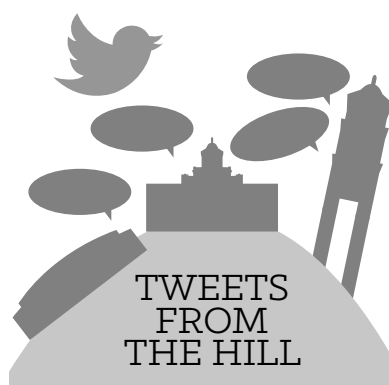
Obama said last week that the legacy of discrimination had left a persistent economic gap between blacks and whites but that the civil rights movement's impulse for equality had spread to Hispanics and immigrants. “What's wonderful to watch is that ... each generation seems wiser in terms of wanting to treat people fairly and do the right thing and not discriminate,” he told a Binghamton University audience in Vestal, N.Y. “That's a great victory that we should all be very proud of.”

Let us ALL join in Dr. King's call for racial and economic justice.



Ardrey

By Sandra Curry Ardrey,  
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@Earl\_Cook: Passed by Guthrie Tower a few minutes ago and saw the purest definition of fanaticism. #WKU — Sent 2:10 PM - 27 Aug 13

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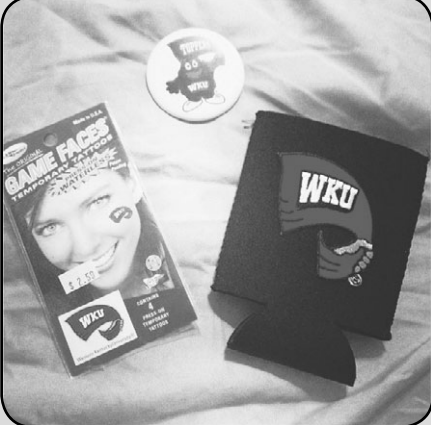
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# SGA has big goals for this semester

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The Student Government Association plans to get more involved with student life, diversity and financial aid this semester than in years past.

SGA convened for the first time this semester Tuesday night in Cravens Library. SGA President Keyana Boka said she has many plans this year with SGA.

Boka said being president is a big step up from her previous role in SGA as executive vice president but that so far it's been a "smooth transition."

"I'm looking forward to a productive year," she said.

Boka said she wants to be

known as getting out there and talking to students and reaching out.

"I want students to know what SGA has to offer and they're welcome to come to us with any issue," she said. "A goal I have this year is to go to more campus organizations because typically SGA presidents don't go to campus organizations until campaign time."

Boka said her main goal is to encourage the senate to take a more active role on projects.

"We will be expanding our scholarship program, we've budgeted out a winter scholarship along with the summer scholarship that we started last year," she said.

Mark Reeves, executive vice

president, and Boka both attended a program called Kentucky in D.C. over the summer where they spoke to Kentucky senators and representatives about higher education issues.

"Three main issues we touched on were the federal loan interest rate, Pell Grant renewal coming up in 2015 and university research funding," she said.

Boka said universities are the cutting edge in global research and it's important that it's continued.

Reeves said he encourages minorities to get involved and he will be meeting with minority organizations.

"So that Student Government is reflecting everyone on cam-

pus," he said.

Reeves said he hopes SGA will hear more concerns from students this semester.

"Another one of the things I'm working on is making sure students are represented on the university bodies that SGA has the privilege of appointing people to," he said. "It's a range of about 15 to 20 members."

Reeves said there are a lot of ways students can have their voices heard even beyond the senate.

"We want to make sure students get their voices heard," he said.

Nicki Seay, administrative vice president, said she's excited for the new year as well and getting organizational aid together.

"So far it looks like we got some people to sign up for the committee," she said. "After that we're going to approve our application and get it online, so any student organization can apply."

Seay said she's focused on getting the word out about organizational aid.

"I went around to organizations I hadn't seen apply for org. aid and talked to them and told them what it was about," she said. "It turns out that a lot of them didn't even know about org. aid or that they could apply for it."

Seay said she plans to work with SGA's PR team to promote organizational aid so it will be used by more student groups.

# New walkway nears completion at top of the Hill

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A new pedestrian walkway beside State Street near the area behind College High Hall may ease the journey to the top of the Hill for many students and make the trip safer for pedestrians.

Helen Siewers, a landscape architect at Planning, Design and Construction who managed the project, said the ramp is replacing a set of stairs that was removed over the summer.

She also said one of the main reasons for the installation of the walkway was to direct

more pedestrian traffic to a crosswalk on State Street.

"The configuration that was there before was a narrow set of steps leading down from that stone arch area called Diddle Park, and those steps were off alignment from the logical crosswalk location," she said.

Siewers said PDC has long been looking for a way of addressing the misalignment between the stairs and the crosswalk.

"As we studied the land there closely, we realized we could achieve two goals at once," she said. "One is to funnel pedestrians to the crosswalk location

and secondly to make another accessible route on campus."

Bryan Russell, director of PDC, said construction of the ramp is part of a bigger plan, one that includes building a new shelter at the nearby bus stop and adding a stairway leading from one portion of the ramp to the area directly behind College High Hall.

Russell said the plan is aimed primarily at pedestrian safety.

"Before, we just had people crossing everywhere," Russell said. "Really it's going to help guide them to a dedicated crosswalk area."

Siewers said besides making the crosswalk more accessible,

the new walkway also provides a convenient and accessible route for pedestrians.

"It's a universally acceptable walkway," she said. "There are no steps to provide a barrier to use that route."

She said the new walkway is part of a path leading from Jones-Jaggers Hall through the middle of campus to Ogden College at the top of the Hill.

"One long-term goal we've had on campus is for that whole route to be barrier-free so that somebody in a wheelchair could use that route without encountering any obstacles or detours," Siewers said.

She said by building the walkway, PDC has removed the last barrier from the route.

Siewers said the ramp is already finished, but the staircase leading from part of the walkway to the plaza behind College High Hall is scheduled to be completed on Friday.

The bus shelter, she said, is scheduled to be finished by Sept. 11.

Siewers said the project will also include a landscape portion in which ornamental grass and shrubs are planted over areas disturbed during the construction process.

# Sorority recruitment numbers

Alpha Delta Pi sorority:  
43 new members

Alpha Gamma Delta sorority:  
57 new members

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46 new members

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## Seen from the Hill



Nashville senior Laura Ellis studies with a friend for her summer statistics final in a hammock behind Meredith Hall. **IAN MAULE/HERALD**



Frank Vespe, left, of Burlington, N.J., and a fellow WKU student, right, stand in front of a protester of sin and non-Christians. The protestors assembled bellow Guthrie Bell Tower Tuesday morning and stayed until the evening. Vespe, among many other students stood for hours and debated with the protestors from Columbia, Ky. **RAE EMARY/HERALD**



Nashville sophomore Justin Wattanakone waits to surprise his girlfriend with red roses on Tuesday, Aug. 27. **JEFF BROWN/HERALD**



Jamestown junior Taylor Hutchison shoots basketball after a day of classes in the parking lot of Mimosa Apartments. **IAN MAULE/HERALD**

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## New bag policy to be used at Saturday's game

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A newly implemented NFL policy will affect what students and fans can bring into the stadium when the Toppers travel to Nashville to take on Kentucky this weekend.

The policy is called "All Clear" and is a movement by the NFL to prohibit fans from bringing large, concealed bags

into NFL stadiums.

Fans may carry clear plastic or vinyl bags that don't exceed 12-by-6-by-12 inches or one-gallon clear plastic freezer bags.

Diapers and wipes may be carried in clear bags and fans and family members will be able to carry any bag approved by security.

Security will also make exceptions for any fans with medical issues.

### Prohibited items

coolers	fanny packs
seat cushions	large purses
backpacks	breifcases
camera bags	laptop bags

According to a statement from NFL.com, the All Clear policy was created to "enhance safety inside and outside the stadium and speed the security screening process for all NFL fans."

Parking lots for tailgating will open up to fans in attendance at noon at LP Field.

Fans will have to pay \$20 to park in several lots surrounding the stadium, but overnight parking is prohibited.

Gates to enter the stadium will open at 4 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the gate at LP Field for fans that have yet to purchase tickets. The first 4,000 WKU students

that present a WKU ID will be admitted for free — every student after that can purchase a ticket for \$13.

Tickets at LP Field will be sold starting at 3 p.m. Saturday at Gate 1, and fans who have ordered tickets from WKU will have to pick them up at Gate 8. Tickets will also be available on Ticketmaster before the day of the game.

The game will kick off at 6 p.m.



WKU senior running back Antonio Andrews participates in drills during Tuesday's practice. Andrews looks to continue off the success of last year's record-setting season this year. IAN MAULE/HERALD

# AA, 2K?

### Andrews aiming for 2,000 rushing yards this season

BY ELLIOTT PRATT  
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Antonio Andrews almost didn't make the throw.

Andrews, the 2009 Mr. Kentucky in football and a state champion quarterback from Fort Campbell High School, had one throw to make for WKU and it nearly caught dirt.

The throw, on a trick play to beat Kentucky last year at

Commonwealth Stadium, was just close enough for Topper quarterback Kawaun Jakes to lean down, grab it and seal the biggest win in WKU football history.

But 'close enough' and 'almost' are not in Andrews' vocabulary.

Andrews almost topped 1988 Heisman Award winner Barry Sanders' record for all-purpose yards last year. This season, he's got big goals again.

"I want to rush for 2,000

yards," Andrews said. "Even with Petrino bringing in a different offense, I still want to make that happen."

Before the start of last season, the song was all about who would fill the shoes of record-setting running back Bobby Rainey, who had joined the Baltimore Ravens in the NFL.

The battle came down to fellow running back Keshawn Simpson and Andrews, a pair of juniors at the time, and the duo were splitting carries at the start of the year.

Andrews would stay patient, however, waiting for calling into the starting lineup.

"In the beginning I was Bobby's backup and it was kind of a downer but at the same time, I knew my time would come," Andrews said. "Once I started at 100 percent at the UK game it just took off from there. It's just been a different journey, and I'm just proud to be where I'm at."

Andrews' breakout was surprising for a guy who was splitting carries during Fall Camp. He shined against the Wildcats in the third game of the year, with three touchdowns on 34 carries for 125 yards, and was the middle man of the trick play to win the game.

From that point forward, things took off.

Andrews went on to break Rainey's single-season WKU

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### FOOTBALL

## Petrino not losing sleep over season-opener

BY LUCAS AULBACH  
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WKU and Kentucky fans alike have had Aug. 31 circled on their calendars for a long time.

With the game between the in-state rivals just two days away, the excitement may have some Topper fans losing sleep.

Not Coach Bobby Petrino, though.

"A lot of times the best sleep I get is Friday night because of all the grind during the week — you're ready to close your eyes for a couple hours anyway," the coach said at his weekly press conference Monday.

The Toppers and Wildcats will kick off the 2013-14 football season at LP Field in Nashville Saturday at 6 p.m., the last meeting between the teams in a four-year series.

Last season's installment in the rivalry had enough drama for two games, maybe more.

The Toppers pulled in four interceptions off of Kentucky quarterback Maxwell Smith but couldn't win in regulation despite taking an early lead — the game went to overtime tied 24-24 after WKU gave up a touchdown with 24 seconds to go.

The Wildcats struck first in overtime on an 11-yard touchdown run by running back Jonathan George.

WKU struck back on a two-yard touchdown run by then-junior running back Antonio Andrews on its next possession.

The last play, though, is the moment most fans remember.

The Toppers elected to go for a two-point conversion to win the game — quarterback Kawaun Jakes took the snap and lateraled to Andrews. Andrews tossed it back to Jakes — the pass fell short, but Jakes scooped it up just before it hit the ground and ran into the end zone.

The trick play, titled "Seminole" in the Topper playbook, sealed WKU's first-ever win over an SEC

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### VOLLEYBALL

## Volleyball team dealing with high expectations

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Last season the Lady Topper volleyball team had its most successful season in program history. Boasting a record of 33-4, the team won an NCAA Tournament match for the first time in school history and earned its fifth postseason berth in the last 10 seasons.

Five starters from that team will return for the 2013 campaign, which looks to be

another promising one for WKU. The team is currently ranked No. 21 in the NCAA, the first preseason ranking in program history, and was unanimously selected by league coaches to win the Sun Belt Conference again earlier this week.

Despite the unprecedented national attention, Head Coach Travis Hudson is not worried about his team slacking off.

"Well we're going to try and make sure that it's not (a

problem)," he said. "It's certainly something that I fight every day, it's on my mind every night when I go to sleep because we do have a talented group and a lot of nights we're going to be favored going in."

"We did a great job managing that last year, and it's going to be one of the real challenges for this team as the year goes along."

The Lady Toppers, however, do have a tough road ahead of them early on.



Senior setter Melanie Stutman sets the ball during practice on Tuesday. WKU has their first match on Friday against Alabama A&M. JEFF BROWN/HERALD

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# Potts looks to defend preseason hype

BY LUCAS AULBACH  
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One of the smallest Lady Topper volleyball players could have the biggest impact on the team's results this season.

Defensive specialist Ashley Potts has been a key player for the Lady Toppers since she first set foot on the court in 2010 and has since become one of the most respected players in the conference. The 5-foot-4-inch senior has earned two Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Year awards and was given the preseason conference Defensive Player of the Year award earlier this month.

Coach Travis Hudson said one of her biggest strengths is

her consistency — he knows she is going to give an effort worthy of Defensive Player of the Year every time she steps on the court.

"Ashley Potts is a kid that'll calm those nerves in a coach," Hudson said at Tuesday's Media Day. "She is a terrifically talented kid, there's no question. Two-time Defensive Player of the Year and she's a supremely talented player on the court."

"What you love about her as a coach more than anything else is you know what you're getting every night. You know that she's going to be there emotionally, you know that she's going to be there in terms of competitiveness and obviously the skill is there and she knows what she

needs to do as a player."

Potts has been a part of the WKU volleyball program for a long time. She watched her older sister Kelly Potts play a big role for the team before she graduated in 2010. The sisters played one season together for WKU in Ashley's freshman year.

Potts will look to defend her Defensive Player of the Year crown this weekend, as the season will open with a series of three matches in West Lafayette, Ind., this weekend.

She said she wants to back up earning the preseason award with strong play on the court.

"I guess it's more of an honor than anything just to be recognized for what I do," Potts

said. "Now I just have to go prove myself and show that I am a competitor for that. We'll just see how it goes at the end of the year."

Potts, a three-year starter, will be joined in the lineup by redshirt senior outside hitter Paige Wessel.

Wessel has been with the team since before Potts joined in 2010. She said the defensive specialist brings reliability in the back row, which helps her make plays at the net.

"On the court, she's the most intense person I've ever played with my entire life. She's always talking, and I can always count on her to be behind me. Like, if I'm setting up a block, I can always count

on her to be right behind me. When I go up to swing at a ball, she's always right there covering me, so I have a lot of trust and faith in her always."

Potts and the Lady Toppers haven't played a regular season game since the team fell to Stanford in the NCAA Tournament in December.

She said she's tired of practicing against her teammates — she's ready for the season to start.

"We get after it each day and it's really fun, actually," Potts said. "I love having the competition behind me, because our ball-control players are really good this year. I just love the competition that we have each day in the gym."

## VOLLEYBALL

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WKU is set to face five teams in the top 25, including Southern California, who is ranked No. 4 in the NCAA. Of those five games, four of them will be played within the first 10 days of the season.

For Hudson, it's not about where his team is ranked currently, but where it will be at the end of the season.

"We could play awfully, awfully well for the first couple weeks and be sitting at .500 overall," Hudson said. "That ranking will fluctuate and as I told our team, I'm not worried about whether we stay ranked in the first three, four weeks of the season, I'm worried about where we are at the end."

Redshirt senior outside hitter Paige Wessel agreed with Hudson — she said it was an "honor" to be ranked in the top 25, but that they are looking forward to the end of the season, not the beginning.

Not only are the Lady Top-

pers returning five starters from last year, but four players were honored earlier this week when the Sun Belt Conference released its preseason All-Conference team. Junior middle hitter Heather Boyan, senior defensive specialist Ashley Potts, senior setter Melanie Stutsman, and Wessel were all named to the All-Conference team.

Potts was also named the preseason Defensive Player of the Year for the Conference, while Stutsman was named the preseason Setter of the Year.

"I guess it's more of an honor than anything, just to be recognized for what I do," Potts said. "Now I just have to go prove myself and show that I am a competitor for that. We'll just see how it goes at the end of the year."

Right now, Potts and the rest of the Lady Toppers are looking forward to starting the season, which begins this weekend in the Mortar Board Premier in West Lafayette, Ind. The team is set to battle Alabama A&M, USC and Purdue



WKU volleyball Coach Travis Hudson talks to his team before practice. JEFF BROWN/HERALD

this weekend.

"The character of this team is awesome," Potts said. "The word I would describe it as is intense, competitive, excited

— we're just really excited to get started and play someone other than ourselves. We get after it each day and it's really fun, actually. I just love the

competition that we have each day in the gym."

The first home game for the Lady Toppers will be Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. against Belmont.



WKU senior running back Antonio Andrews stretches during Tuesday's practice. IAN MAULE/HERALD

## ANDREWS

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rushing record. They are as the only two players in NCAA history to eclipse the triple-grand mark in all-purpose yards.

For Andrews, he just wanted to do his job as a running back — he didn't realize the significance of what was happening week by week.

"I didn't really know how big that record was until the end of the year when everybody was like 'oh, you fell short, you were this close,'" Andrews said. "I knew it was a record, and I was close to it, and everybody was talking about it, and I realized it was a big deal. It just makes me want to go and actually beat the record this year. I actually set it as a personal goal."

It's a bit of a misconception that running backs have a substantial role in Petrino's air-raid offense. The run game has played a crucial role in the coach's offense in the past.

When Petrino was at Louisville in 2005, running back Michael Bush, now with the Chicago Bears, rushed for 1,143 yards and 23 touchdowns while the Cardinals ranked No. 13 in the NCAA in passing offense that same year.

At Arkansas, Petrino used Knile Davis in 2010 for 1,322 yards on the ground while the Razorback offense ranked fourth in the nation averaging 333.7 yards per game.

Running backs coach Kolby Smith, who shared the backfield with Bush

under Petrino at Louisville from 2003-06, said running backs are important in Petrino's offense.

"That's the perception, is that he likes to air it out," Smith said. "But he's always had — as a team — 1,500 yards or more in rushing per year."

Quarterbacks can depend on a running back like Andrews to ease the job in managing a high-powered offense. WKU junior quarterback Brandon Doughty said he is especially grateful to have Andrews behind him for every snap.

"The defenses key on Antonio and he's also a good safety valve for us," Doughty said. "Every time I get in trouble or our team is down, we just give the ball to five and he runs for a bunch of yards. It's awesome having a guy that can make plays out there for you and make you look good."

Days to kick-off for the game against Kentucky can now be counted on one hand. Andrews and the Toppers are anxious to bring another win back to Bowling Green — "bragging rights," the running back called it.

For Andrews, there is no 'almost' or 'close enough.' He wants to roll over with the same momentum he left last season with.

"I just feel I'll pick up where I left off," Andrews said. "Last year was the first time playing them — this is the second time, so hopefully it goes the way it's supposed to go. The O-line's working hard, the tight ends are working hard, receivers are working hard, fullbacks are working hard, so we're ready to go."



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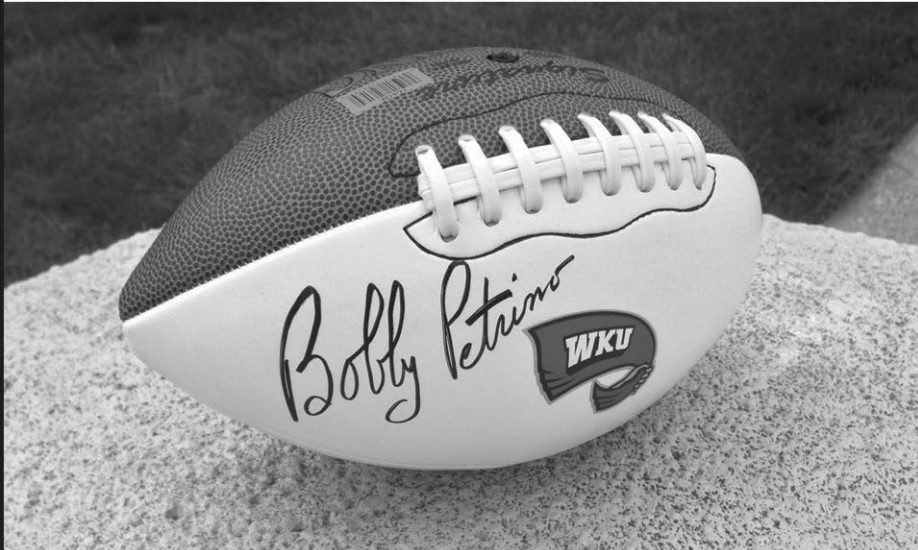
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team and arguably the biggest win in program history.  
Could the stakes be even higher this year though? Maybe.  
Both teams have new faces at the head of the team — Kentucky hired new coach Mark Stoops in November, while Bobby Petrino replaced Taggart in December.  
Both teams also have higher expectations than last season. WKU is expected to compete for a Sun Belt Conference title, while Kentucky's incoming freshman class has high expectations.  
Jakes was quarterback for the Toppers last year, but this year, junior Brandon Doughty will take over under center.  
Doughty said the Toppers are anxious to get the ball rolling after Tuesday's practice.  
"We've been waiting for this day," Doughty said Tuesday. "It feels like yesterday it was 105 days until Kentucky, and now it's at four. It's approaching really quickly and the excitement in the locker room is unreal."  
Andrews was WKU's biggest weapon against the Wildcats last season. He led WKU on the ground with 125 rushing yards and three touchdowns and through the air with three catches for 36 yards in his first game against the Wildcats.  
He said on Saturday he hopes to pick up where he left off last year.  
"Last year was the first time playing them — this is the second time, so hopefully it goes the way it's supposed to go," he said. "The O-line's working hard, the tight ends are working hard, receivers are working hard, fullbacks are working hard, so we're ready to go."  
The Toppers have been preparing for their season-opener for a long time. After spending the summer in the weight room, WKU football players spent August practicing and scrimmaging at Smith Stadium during Fall Camp.  
Much of the camp was spent preparing for the season and figuring out who should start, but the Toppers have spent time during the past few weeks preparing a specific gameplan for the Wildcats.  
Doughty said the team is still fine-tuning its offense to prepare for the SEC defense.  
"We're putting in a couple wrinkles, just seeing some things late, but we're putting in a couple wrinkles this week and we're going to be ready on Saturday," he said.  
Offensive coordinator Jeff Brohm said he expects the Toppers to be ready come game time.  
"Now we're kind of closing up some things and finally just finalizing a few things — double-checking, re-checking, making sure that we're doing exactly what we want," he said. "Right now the plan's in effect, we're trying to execute it in practice and get ready to play the game."

WKU vs UK Sept. 15, 2012		
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Passing Yards	160	332
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Key players  
last season

**WKU**  
Antonio Andrews, RB  
34 carries, 125 yards, 3 touchdowns

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16-of-22, 160 yards, 1 touchdown

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3 interceptions, 4 tackles

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16-of-22, 160 yards, 1 touchdown

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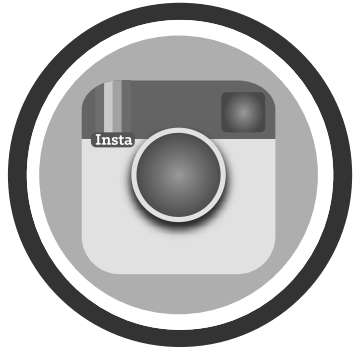
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# Toppers play two home games this weekend

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The Lady Topper soccer team has two showcases at home this weekend, and the team is looking for more support from the record-setting crowd that came out for the season-opener against Utah. While the Lady Toppers fell 2-0 last Friday, coach Jason Neidell said he was pleased with the effort put forth by WKU (1-0) and the progress his team had made through the preseason. "I thought we played a very good game against a very well-coached, organized team," Neidell said. "I think there were a lot of positives to be taken from the game." This weekend will prove no

easy task for the squad either — WKU is facing opponents from both Conference USA and the Missouri Valley Conference in a three-day span. Friday will pit the Lady Toppers against an 0-1 Rice team that fell to Stephen F. Austin State in its season-opener after a late second half goal. The Lady Owls tied their preseason game against Texas Christian. WKU will be back at it again Sunday against Indiana State. After winning its season-opener against Georgia Southern 2-1, ISU (1-1) fell in a tough 3-0 loss at home to Butler. Neidell said he looks for what he has seen out of his squad thus far as affirmation to his confidence in his players coming into this weekend.

"If we can continue to put together the types of performances I've seen in practices, and I saw glimpses of against Utah, I think we can easily get from point A to point B," Neidell said. Freshman striker Iris Dunn — who has seen significant minutes for WKU contests so far this year — is confident in her team. Heading into the games this weekend, she stresses the importance of meshing as a unit and communicating on the field. "It will only get better," Dunn said regarding on-field communication. "It's something we just work at more and more every time we practice." Senior defender Torrie Lange, a leader and anchor of the WKU defense, said the



Freshman forward Iris Dunn dribbles the ball up the field with senior midfielder Chrissy Tchoula while Utah junior midfielder McKel Wall follows from behind in the Lady Toppers 0-2 loss to Utah. IAN MAULE/HERALD

team is not only ready for just this weekend, but also ready for this season. "Ever since our loss in the tournament last November, the soccer coaching staff and our strength and conditioning coach have been preparing us for this season," Lange said. "Our coaches pushed us, and

then pushed us some more. We may be the favorite, but the outcome of the season will ultimately reflect the mentality of our team." The Lady Toppers will be in action Friday at 6 p.m. against Rice and Sunday at 1 p.m. against ISU at the WKU Soccer Complex.

CROSS COUNTRY

# Cross country season to get started in Nashville

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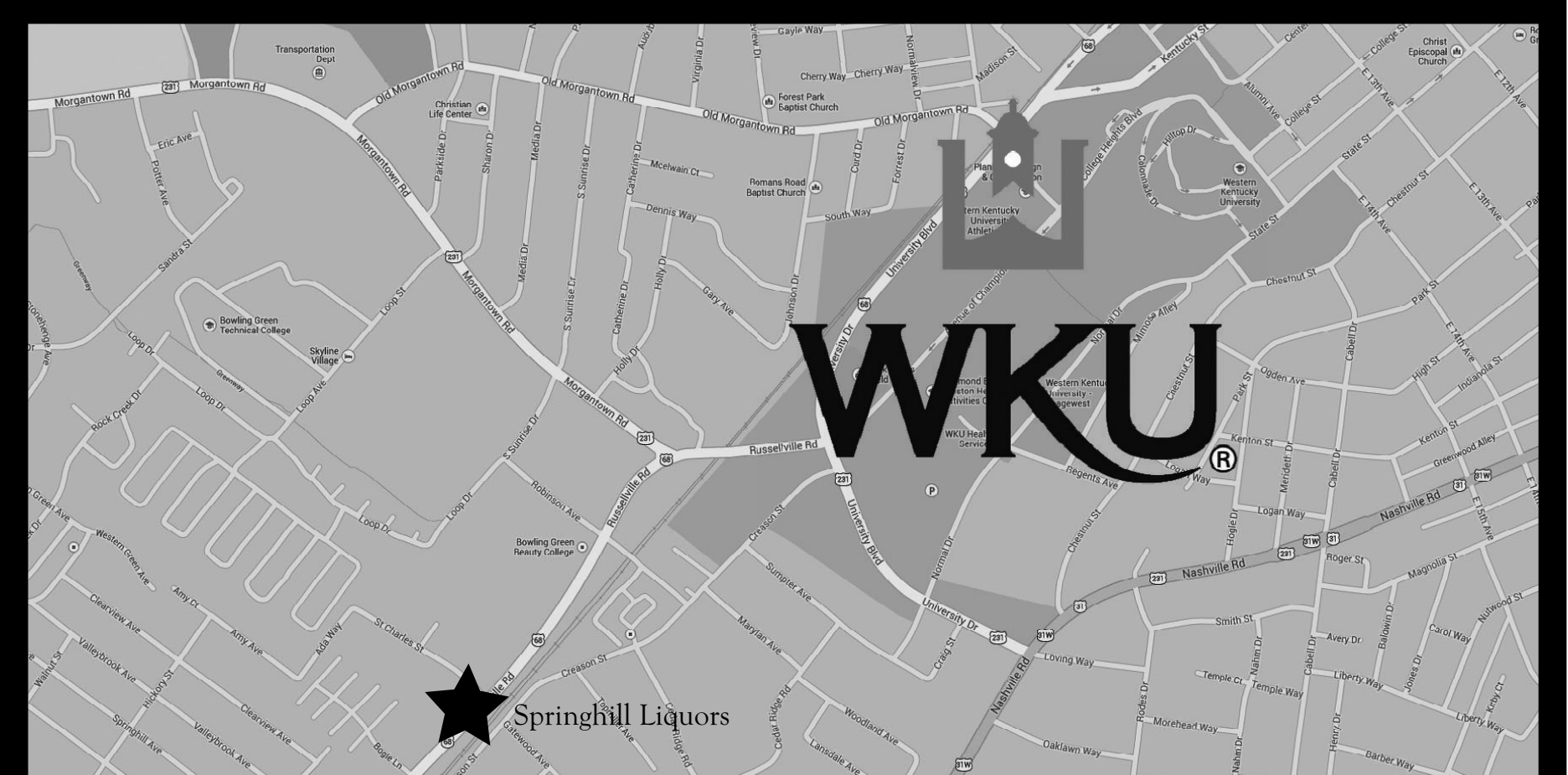
The WKU cross country teams will start their 2013 campaign this Friday in Nashville, Tenn., at the Belmont Opener in Percy Warner Park. The men's and women's teams are hoping for a strong start in Nashville and are looking to improve on their No. 5 finishes at last year's Belmont Opener. The Toppers will vie for their second Sun Belt Conference title in three years with a balanced attack. Coach Erik Jenkins has some new faces to go along with top returnee, junior Da-

vid Mokone. Mokone, a two-time All-Sun Belt Conference selection, will be asked to carry a large portion of the load this year after the departure of All-American runner Joseph Chebet, as well as senior Kyle Chettleburgh. He will be joined by returning runners sophomore Aaron Stevens and junior Sean Hurd. Hurd, a native of Crofton who posted two top-30 finishes last year, recorded his best finish of the season at last year's Belmont Opener while Stevens, a Sandy Hook sophomore, competed in four of six meets as a true freshman and posted his best finish at the Sun Belt Conference Cross Country

Championships with a No. 56 finish. Both will be called on by Jenkins to produce for the Toppers. "They're both young guys that will contribute," Jenkins said. The Lady Toppers will begin their campaign to reclaim the Sun Belt Conference Championship after breaking their streak of six straight conference titles by finishing No. 3 at last year's meet. Leading the way will be sophomore Lindsey Hinken, who had a breakout freshman season, finishing in the top-2 among Lady Topper runners in all six meets. Hinken was

named All-Sun Belt Conference and looks to improve on that this season. Katie Lever, a sophomore native of Elizabethtown, is also expected to be a top finisher for the Lady Toppers this season. With Friday being the first meet of the season, Jenkins expects to learn a lot about what type of shape his team is in. "Most of these runners haven't raced since May," said Jenkins. "We're going to try to build on what we did during the summer and get back into racing mode." Jenkins said he wants to see how his team copes with being on an unfamiliar course. He

said after running the whole offseason on the practice course, a new course could cause some problems. Jenkins expects to learn a lot about the teams' strengths and weaknesses across the board. "I want to see what we do well and what we don't do well so we can work on that," he said. When asked about what teams he is most worried about, Jenkins said he isn't taking anyone lightly. "Everyone we play has something going for them," said Jenkins. "We won't discount anyone, from here to the National Championship."



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# Students plan to combat ‘Freshman 15’

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Freshman year of college presents many new challenges that students typically haven’t had to face.

Students are burdened with finding classes on an expansive campus situated on a hill, making friends and keeping up with a social life, all while getting enough sleep, squeezing in a few meals, and, time permitting, exercising. That many commitments has the potential to be difficult to balance all at once.

The common and tell-tale weight gain among freshman, harshly donned “The Freshman 15,” doesn’t make adjusting to a new atmosphere any easier.

Heather Payne-Emerson is the director of the Nutrition and Dietetic Program at WKU. In her classes, she has had students track their diets for several days.

“They eat lots of fast food,” she noted. “They have diets low in fruits and vegetables.”

This is all dependent upon what the students like, what’s available, and where their priorities lie, Payne-Emerson said.

To combat weight gain in college, students must be conscientious of what they’re putting into their bodies. Once extra weight is gained it’s difficult to lose, Payne-Emerson said.

Danville freshman Katie Block said while she’s worried about the “Freshman 15,” she plans on taking steps to avoid it.

“I plan on taking advantage of the free gym and classes like yoga,” Block said.

She does anticipate that her diet and exercise will change due to her schedule, which includes honors classes.

“My mom was really tough about what we ate at home,”

Block said. “I will keep that in mind. I’m paranoid about gaining weight.”

Block believes that the most challenging part of eating well at school will be finding healthy food options.

She has yet to decide if Fresh Food Company actually has healthy options.

“You can’t let your weight or weight gain rule you,” Block said. “But you do have to be aware.”

As Scottsville freshman Ed Anglea pulled open a drawer full of snacks, he said he isn’t very concerned about the “Freshman 15.”

He is confident that any

necessary exercise will come from use of the Preston Center and walking everywhere.

“I’m absolutely not worried about the ‘Freshman 15,’” he said. “Because I live on this hill.”

As far as food goes, however, Anglea realizes that having a tight schedule will limit when, how much and what he can eat every day.

Anglea has decided that exercise is more important to him than eating well.

“The ‘Freshman 15’ shouldn’t be as big of a hype as it is,” Anglea said. “If you take care of yourself, you can do what you want.”

# WKU meteorology program goes storm chasing

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While natives of Tornado Alley were fleeing and taking shelter from severe tornadoes that battered the Great Plains in late May and early June, a team of storm chasers composed heavily of WKU meteorology alumni were mere miles from the heart of the storms documenting the destruction and terrifying tornadic and severe weather activity.

Landon Hampton, Beech Tree meteorologist and a WKU alumnus, as well as Jeremy Hack, a video producer, were among a team of storm chasers including Nathaniel Shearer and Kyle Berry of the WKU meteorology department that spent May 26 through June 1 tracking storms in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The team traveled 3,200 miles during their storm-chasing venture in a Yukon XL loaded down with laptops, usb ports, iPads, iPhones, cameras and other technologies to document and record the inclement weather.

The storm team witnessed three tornadoes and documented two tornadoes on camera and video. The team was 8 to 10 miles away from the May 31 Oklahoma City EF-5 tornado that was recorded as the widest ever with a width of 2.6 miles. The monstrous tornado also reached speeds

of 295 mph and claimed 24 lives according to the National Weather Service.

“We saw this monstrous, huge dark shaft within that storm,” Hampton said. “We didn’t have a clear visual, hardly anyone did, but that was very scary, very frightening to witness.”

It was Hampton’s fourth consecutive year of traveling to Tornado Alley to document, record and witness severe weather activity. It was Hack’s second visit after going on his first storm chase last year.

Hack said this year’s trip yielded more results than previous trips.

“This trip was definitely better than last year’s trip because last year we didn’t get anything,” Hack said. “This year we got three. Got some pretty close up footage of an EF-4 in Bennington, Kan. It was pretty surreal.”

Storm chasing and meteorology pioneer Tim Samaras and two other chasing partners were among the 24 who died during the massive tornado over the summer.

Hampton said the loss of Samaras put into perspective the danger and life-threatening capabilities storm chasing entails.

“Whenever someone like Tim Samaras loses his life, someone who is not out for fame and money, someone who is all about the research and scientific portion, it’s very humbling,” Hampton said. “It



WKU alumni Kyle Berry, Landon Hampton and Nathaniel Shearer pose for a photo in front of a storm in Bennington, Kan. on May 28. The crew witnessed a wedge EF4 tornado.

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really put the whole realm of possibilities in perspective that it can happen to everyone.”

Josh Durkee, an associate geography and geology professor, launched the WKU Storm Chase program in 2009. This summer, Durkee lead a group of eight graduate and undergraduate students to document, analyze and study severe weather across the Great Plains as part of his Field Methods in Weather Analysis and Forecasting course.

He said the course gives stu-

dents invaluable experience that sets them apart in the field of meteorology.

“I believe we offer our meteorology students a wonderful and unique experience that is quite beneficial for their future careers,” Durkee said. “Our philosophy for the program is to instill excellent written and communication skills in our students via research, conferences and peer-review publications, and to provide unique hands-on learning experiences such as the Storm Chase

program. It is this reason that our students are finding post-graduate employment and or getting accepted into top graduate programs.”

Berry said the Storm Chase program rivals that of any school in the nation. He said it is remarkable considering WKU’s meteorology program started in 2007.

“For WKU to be competing at the national level with big schools and doing these storm chases, it makes a big statement,” he said.

## REEL

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Stark’s jokes because they’re entertaining.

I’m guilty of it. I admit that I enjoy watching Robert Downey, Jr. banter with The Avengers.

I like special effects and action sequences because they make me feel like a giddy 8-year-old again.

So it should come as no surprise that director Zack Snyder’s long-awaited Superman epic, “Man of Steel,” was one of the biggest blockbusters of this past summer and one of my most anticipated of the year.

“Chronicle” screenwriter Max Landis recently took to YouTube about the latest in-

carnation of Superman, as well as the general state of today’s superhero films, in a video titled “Regarding Clark.”

Icons like Superman, The Avengers, the Autobots and even the Jaeger pilots from this year’s “Pacific Rim” all possess some form of heroic duty.

This usually stems from a “gift,” or some physical ability that makes them superior to, and ultimately responsible for, the rest of humanity.

As the famous “Spider-Man” adage goes, “With great power comes great responsibility.”

So then why is it that when Superman fights General Zod, all of Metropolis gets leveled in the process?

Why is it that when The Avengers square off against Loki and his intergalactic army, New York is reduced to rubble?

Why is it that when the Kaiju sea monsters close in on Sydney, the city only proceeds to burn once the Jaegers show up?

Think about the most financially successful films of the past two or three summers. “Everything ends in the same city-destroying pandemonium with a terrorist attack from outer space,” Landis says.

When our “heroes,” the very beings sworn to protect us infantile humans from harm, become the source of destruction and death, they cease to become heroes.

Regardless of whether the bad guy is stopped or not, there’s nothing “heroic” in watching Iron Man and Optimus Prime stand tall at the end of a fight when there’s nothing behind them but ruin.

“That isn’t a superhero, to me,” says Landis. “That’s like a rock star.”

“The Dark Knight” films already proved that it doesn’t take a smoldering cityscape for audiences to notice and appreciate a flawed hero.

So why has Hollywood taken the “disaster movie” approach with slamming home the idea that our “heroes” are imperfect?

Perhaps it’s the emergence of television like “Breaking

Bad” or darker comic-book movies like “The Dark Knight” where the villain and “anti-hero” are so captivating that audiences have begun rooting for the “bad guys” instead.

We’ve become so jaded by trying to relate to our heroes’ imperfections that we are willing to “forgive” them for the havoc they wreak.

By relating to the flaws of our heroes, we in turn feel better about our own shortcomings.

But I don’t want to root for the “bad guys.”

Life is difficult, and who can we look up to and aspire to be in times of hardship if our “heroes” become part of the problem?

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## HOOKAH

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culture in Jordan is vastly different than America. He said in Jordan there are hookah lounges on every corner.

“They are all very cafe-like and people go there to talk sports, politics and religion and just relax,” Smith said.

He said he found this to be in stark contrast to the hookah culture in America, which is generally associated with a club-type atmosphere.

When Smith returned to the United States, he lived in Virginia with his wife and worked at a hookah lounge there. Eventually rising to the position of district manager, Smith said Virginia was where his hobby became a passion.

“Virginia was where I developed all of my hookah knowledge,” he said.

Smith said he and his wife grew tired of living in Virginia and wanted to move back to Kentucky. So, in November of 2011 he began to work toward opening his own lounge with his friend Keenan Fish.

Smith signed the lease on the current location of the lounge, a 3,000-square-foot space on Broadway, on March 1, 2012. They committed to opening on April 13, 2012.

When the doors opened, the focus of the business was clear, Smith said.

“We were so excited to bring traditional hookah culture to an American context and build a business that will bring glory to God,” he said.

Smith’s religious convictions have factored greatly into the makeup of his business. He is passionate about his business being a clean, drug-free environment due to his strong Christian beliefs, he said.

“Hookah is so unique, but it is done badly so much,” Smith said. “Our stance is clear. We are an anti-drug establishment.”

Smith and his employees went to great lengths to make sure customers knew this.

“Our first few months we were open we had a sign on the door that said ‘STOP. If you are looking for spice or other drug paraphernalia, we don’t have any. You have come to the wrong place.’ And I can’t tell you how many people we saw walk up, read the sign and turn back and walk away.”

With the rise of hookah in America, there have been concerns about the

health effects.

“A lot of people think hookah is less harmful but it’s not,” Catharine Steward, an employee at WKU Health Services, said. “A lot of college students start smoking in a social setting and the nicotine addiction grows from there.”

But Smith has also dealt with the health effects often associated with hookah.

“There is so much misinformation about hookah,” Smith said.

In a study last year by the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health, at an anonymous university in the Midwest, 22 percent, or 438 of 2000 students, said they had smoked hookah before. This data is consistent with the general trend of cigarette smoking being on the decline among young people but other forms of smoking, like hookah, being on the rise.

“We aren’t scientists, we aren’t doctors,” Smith said. “All we know is what our bodies tell us. People who do aerobic exercise and also smoke cigarettes report tightness in the chest and shortness of breath when exercising. People who only smoke hookah do not.”

Despite possible health effects, the owners of Cloud 9 said their clientele remains loyal. Smith and his co-owner Fish said they believe they keep customers by emphasizing a focus on top-notch products, service and atmosphere.

“Quality and atmosphere is what makes Cloud 9,” Fish said. “So many businesses provide sub-par service and quality. We want to have superior service and quality.”

Smith said he believes good products and services are what bring business from far outside of Bowling Green.

“Cloud 9 has a huge range,” he said. “People come from Nashville and Louisville just to smoke at Cloud 9 and I love that. I want Bowling Green to be the place to go for hookah.”

According to Smith, business is good in Bowling Green and he doesn’t see that changing any time soon.

“I have no worries about business in Bowling Green,” Smith said. “We hope to expand in the coming years to Nashville and Louisville and then any other city that will have us.”

## GOOGLE

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I noticed her Google stickers,” Wells said. “When we decided to be roommates, she talked about Google all the time. I was there when she found out she got the ambassador spot, and she ran out the door and started screaming in the streets.”

Wells said she feels Rice will do a great job supporting and representing it.

Mount Sterling junior James Soper thinks that Rice’s personality makes her perfect for the role of a Google Student Ambassador.

“She has charisma and a fun persona that connects with people,” Soper said. “She’s also caring and aware of what people want and has expectations of herself to follow through with

things. She is very responsible and takes things seriously, but has this thing about her that can get them done but in a fun, playful way where people want to listen.”

Rice said she wants every WKU student to not be afraid to step out in a certain leadership role or participate in a certain club because it might seem weird to others.

“I was actually the mascot my freshman year,” Rice said. “A lot of people might think that’s nerdy or that people who do that have no friends, but I had a blast, and it actually emphasized my résumé and made me stand out.”

Rice continued by stressing that employers and companies will see applicants’ passion in the resumes and essays that they read from them.

And as Rice’s experience shows, pursuing your passion can set you apart.

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But remember: It’s perfectly OK to experiment and change your mind every day if you please.

### *Sweet Pastels*

Sweet and sugary have always been for the warm weather, but it will work this winter too. Go for powder blue or pink and stick with lean, modern shapes in heavier fabrics.

The ultimate high-end piece to achieve the sweet look is the pink, oversized coat. Just don’t forget the belt. It’s a must have again.

### *Grown-up Grunge*

It’s all about mixing different textures in one outfit, mainly consisting of dark and bright red colors. It might be easier to start with the top trend — motorcycle boots — and move up.

This time, it is advised to skip pants and shoot for a lace dress or a mohair sweater with short skirts. Top the look with a fake sheepskin jacket. We don’t want to hurt any animals.

### *The 1940s Siren*

It’s definitely the most pulled-together, ladylike and seductive trend there is right now. Recycle your sum-

mer, over-the-knee skirts, combining them with cashmere sweaters, or buy a new slip dress in gray or navy.

Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid heels. So when you want to be the 40s siren, you might want to take a bus to get to the top of the Hill.

Finally, team the whole ensemble with a couple of essential details — a fur-trimmed coat, a slick, leather bag as well as tall, leather and suede gloves.

### *Leopard vs. Snake vs. Alligator*

Fashion designers love animals. Make anything out of their skin and they’ll call it fashionable. No one can argue with a billion-dollar industry about what’s stylish or not, but fake leather is a great option instead of real leather.

Plus, who can afford shoes, skirts, dresses or bags for more than \$1,000? If you are for this trend, then mix your animals with silk or wool details.

### *Tomboy*

Girl-meets-boy trend is directly taken from the last cold season, retaining its black, white, gray and navy colors.

Mannish tailoring is updated with a sharp pinstripe and glossy accessories. Masculine flats with chain and metal details as well as a glossy clutch bag will give enough shine and detail to ensure everybody that you haven’t robbed your dad’s closet.

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# BLOWING SMOKE



WKU graduate Quentin Walker smokes hookah while Cloud 9 employee, Keenan Fish prepares shisha for another hookah. Fish has been with Cloud 9 since its opening and Walker is a regular customer. **RAE EMARY/HERALD**

## Hookah lounge sparks conversations

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He draws on the hose, forms an “o” with his mouth and spouts a string of billowing smoke rings. This is both Joshua Smith’s pastime and occupation.

Smith, the founder of Cloud 9 Hookah and a WKU alumnus is trying to take the stigma out of hookah, and after over a year of successful business, he said the future is bright.

“I don’t want to be OK,” Smith said. “I want to be the best.”

The lounge is lit with atmospheric lighting. The furniture is all soft black leather and local art hangs throughout the building.

Bowling Green sophomore Jacob Carter said he comes to Cloud 9 because of the great service.

“The owners are very engaging,” he said. “They are attentive and cool people to hang out with.”

These comments sound similar to what Smith said his vision for the business is.

“We want to take the image hookah has and put it in its proper context,” Smith said.

Smith’s journey toward the cre-



WKU graduate, Quentin Walker exhales his blackberry-lemon flavored hookah at Cloud 9 in Bowling Green. Walker said he enjoys the atmosphere of Cloud 9. “I’ve probably spent 40 hours a week here,” Walker said, “I spend as much [money] here as I do on my rent.” **RAE EMARY/HERALD**

ation of Cloud 9 began in 2007, when he was first introduced to hookah. He said he had friends who smoked it and he wanted to blow thick smoke rings like them. After he and his friends became regular hookah smokers they began to throw “hookah parties” which they dubbed the “house of hookah.”

But Smith’s attitude towards hookah began to change when he traveled to Jordan for two years to study Arabic. In Jordan, he said, hookah was everywhere.

“I wanted to smoke everywhere,” he said. “I smoked every day.”

According to Smith, the hookah **SEE HOOKAH PAGE B7**

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## Fall, winter fashion welcomes diversity

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Fashionable life is never easy. Once we are satisfied with the amount and diversity of clothing in our wardrobes, celebrities and fashion insiders are sporting the new season’s trends.

It’s a vicious circle.

However, good news abounds.

The fashion weeks around the world this summer have spoken. The upcoming fall and winter will break all these rules.

A lot of new looks are sharpened up versions of the old ones we wore the last year and even this summer.

Also, following season’s fashions offered unseen diversity of styles. This means less orientation on details and more focus on the whole head-to-toe look.

Here are some of the most frequent looks on the runways in New

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### THE REEL

## Superheroes, more harm than help



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When it comes to the summer movie season, there are no real “superheroes” anymore.

With big event films like “The Avengers” and “Transformers,” do we find ourselves so desensitized by a specific performance, line of dialogue or IMAX 3-D visual effect shot that we forget the broader impact of the on-screen events as they pertain to the story?

Will we, as audiences, be numb to the conflicts at hand when we sit down to watch “The Avengers” and “Man of Steel” sequels in 2015?

I think that most moviegoers pay their \$10.50 just to laugh at Tony

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## WKU student becomes Google Student Ambassador

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Whether researching or aimlessly browsing the web, the search engine Google has become an integral part of daily life for most college students.

One WKU student is spending her school year promoting this universally known site.

Louisville junior Shelby Rice is the Google Student Ambassador for WKU.

“I was actually sent an email that said that someone had recommended me for the internship,” Rice said. “I read it and immediately thought, ‘Yeah! I want to be a Google Student Ambassador!’”

Rice, who is a double major in interactive advertising and Spanish, said that she was

given two weeks to round up a video and a couple of essays to send in to Google.

“A lot of the questions were a little more personal, because I think they wanted to see how you exemplified Google culture,” Rice said. “That includes things like being open-minded, taking part in the community and enjoying it, and demonstrating pride in what you’re doing, because that’s what they want to see at Google.”

Rice’s internship with Google began with a three-day stay in Mountain View, Calif., where Google headquarters is located.

“Those three days were mostly spent training and networking to see what ambassadors were around us and how to interact and make the programs at our universities

excel,” Rice said.

At the training, student ambassadors were given ideas of ways to demonstrate Google culture at their universities. This included things like offering demonstrations of Google products, setting up events around campus and even celebrating Google’s birthday in September.

“I can basically do whatever I choose to demonstrate how Google influences my life and also influences other people’s lives,” Rice said. “I want to accentuate how Google can help a college student throughout their career.”

Shelbyville junior Machala Wells has seen Rice’s passion for Google firsthand.

“The first time I met Shelby

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Louisville junior Shelby Rice poses for a photo while wearing a Google Glass prototype. Rice is WKU’s Google student ambassador. Rice’s internship began with a three-day stay in Mountain View, Calif., where Google is headquartered.

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